

Grace Episcopal Church

Scripture 202 – October 5, 2011 – Session 5

The Cultural and Geographic Context of the Bible

Introduction, Chapter 4, p. 75 - 96

Tonight's Journey

- Map Tour through Israel History
- The Land Called Palestine
- Archeological Finds

Map Tour

Old Testament Chronology and Maps

- Fertile Crescent
- Powers: Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Greeks, Romans
- Semitic Quadrangle pp 78-79
- Westward Crescent

Land Called Palestine

- Canaan
- The Promised Land
- The Holy Land of Judaism, Christianity, Islam
- Israel
- Judah
- Palestine

In perspective

- 60 – 70 miles
- Solomon extended to 400 miles
- Note p. 82
- Key Features, pp 83 - 87
 - Coastal Plain
 - Central Highlands
 - Galilee, Samaria, Judah/Judea
 - The Jordon Rift
 - The Transjordan Highlands
- Climate and Agriculture

Archaeological Discoveries pp 89 - 94

Next Week: Begin to read the Bible

Suggested readings at the beginning of each chapter.